

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

Date Formed	1769	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	815	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Waccamaw	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Georgetown	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Andrews, Pawleys Island		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	61,607	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	233
Population Estimate 2016	61,374	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	0.4%
Census Population 2010	60,158	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	1,449
Census Population 2000	55,797	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	0.3%
Census Population 1990	46,302	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	13,856
Persons Per Square Mile	73.81	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	1.5%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	24,708	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$2,590,733
Jobs 2015	24,708	Per Capita Personal Income 2016	\$42,195
Jobs 2010	23,994	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	85.7%
Jobs 2000	23,547	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$37,527
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	0.2%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	70.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	0.0%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	5.5%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$573,827,124	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$9,539	Local Option	
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.05900	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$555,900	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$693,423,264	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$776,240	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$1,823,460		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$73,543,447	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$1,223
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$73,029,246	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$1,214
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$27,322,000	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$454
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$26,250,000	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$385
Payroll FY 2018	\$26,481,990	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	597	Moody's	Aa2
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	95	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	9.9	Fitch	

County History

Georgetown County and its county seat were named for King George II of England. Spanish explorers are believed to have visited this coastal area in 1526, but no permanent settlement was established. English planters and their African slaves moved into the region in the early eighteenth century, building large rice and indigo plantations. The town of Georgetown, which was established around 1730, was a busy port serving the surrounding plantations. Georgetown District was first named in 1769, and in 1785 the district was divided into four counties: Liberty (which became Marion District in 1800), Kingston (which became Horry District in 1801), Williamsburg (which became a separate district in 1804), and Winyah (which was renamed Georgetown in 1800). Many famous South Carolinians were residents of Georgetown County, including Thomas Lynch, Jr. (1749-1779), a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851), U.S. Congressman, Secretary of War, and Ambassador to Mexico, who introduced the poinsettia to the U.S.; and Joseph Hayne Rainey (1832-1887), the first African-American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

County histories obtained from the S.C. State Library Reference Room at www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-counties. All other sources listed in the county comparison tables in the appendix.